

## PROJECT INFORMATION

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| <b>Project Title</b>          | Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration  |
| <b>Brief Description</b>      | <p>The goal of this project is to restore watershed function and health to the forests surrounding the Little Valley community in Lassen County as well as reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.</p> <p>The restoration treatments will reverse the current conditions that are contributing to an increase in soil erosion; reduced stream flows; reduced forage production; altered wildlife habitat; changed plant community composition, structure, and biodiversity, and increased hazardous fuel loads. The Project area supports critical wildlife habitat and includes up to 697 acres of land in different private ownerships.</p> <p>Restoration of the habitat will provide enhanced opportunities for hunting and non-take wildlife activities such as bird and wildlife watching.</p> <p>The project includes landscape scale and residential/community treatments, each consisting of the thinning of small and suppressed trees, and the removal of juniper through shearing, chipping and mastication in order to return the forest to its historic climax condition. This project will involve a variety of large and small parcels resulting in a holistic treatment approach. Additional project funding is being provided by the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, revenue from the sale of chips, and in-kind forestry services provided by Sierra Pacific Industries.</p> <p>The landscape scale treatment prescriptions will be identified in the field by Registered Professional Foresters.</p> <p>Photo monitoring points will be set-up prior to treatment commencement and repeated when treatments are completed. After all treatments have been completed GIS layers of the completed work areas will be prepared for the Lassen County CWPP Base Map and for submittal to SNC.</p> |
| <b>Total Requested Amount</b> | 349,800.00   |
| <b>Other Fund Proposed</b>    | 230,000.00   |
| <b>Total Project Cost</b>     | 579,800.00   |
| <b>Project Category</b>       | Site Improvement/Restoration   |

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| <b>Project Area/Size</b>                                 | 697   |
| <b>Project Area Type</b>                                 | Acres |
| <b>Have you submitted to SNC this fiscal year?</b>       | No    |
| <b>Is this application related to other SNC funding?</b> | No    |

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| <b>Project Results</b> |
| Restoration            |

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| <b>Project Purpose</b>                 | <b>Project Purpose Percent</b> |
| Natural Disaster Risk Reduction (Fire) |                                |
| Water Quality                          |                                |

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| <b>County</b> |
| Lassen        |

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| <b>Sub Region</b> |
| North             |

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| <b>PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION</b> |
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| <b>Name</b>              | Mr. Thomas W. Esgate,                 |
| <b>Title</b>             | Managing Director                     |
| <b>Organization</b>      | Lassen County FSC II                  |
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## PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION

### Project Location

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|-------------------------|--|
| Address:                | Little Valley, 527-960 Little Valley Road, , McArthur, CA, 96056 |
| United States           |  |
| Water Agency:           | Central Valley Water Quality Control Board                       |
| Latitude:               | 40.891975  |
| Longitude:              | -121.18040   |
| Congressional District: | n/a  |
| Senate:                 | n/a  |
| Assembly:               | n/a  |
| Within City Limits:     | No   |
| City Name:              | McArthur   |



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Grant Application Type

**Grant Application Type:**  
**Category One Site Improvement**

## PROJECT OTHER CONTACTS INFORMATION

### Other Grant Project Contacts

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Name:         | Mr. Thomas Esgate,        |
| Project Role: | Day-to-Day Responsibility |
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## UPLOADS

The following pages contain the following uploads provided by the applicant:

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| Full Application Form                             |
| Narrative Descriptions                            |
| Detailed Budget Form                              |
| Restrictions/Agreements                           |
| Regulatory Requirements or Permits                |
| CEQA Documentation                                |
| NEPA Documentation                                |
| Letters of Support                                |
| Long Term Management Plan                         |
| Project Location Map                              |
| Parcel Map Showing County Assessors Parcel Number |
| Topographic Map                                   |

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| Photos of the Project Site                         |
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| Photos of the Project Site                         |
| Land Tenure- Only for Site Improvement Projects    |
| Site Plan - Only Site Improv. or Restoration Proj. |
| Leases or Agreements                               |
| Authorization to Apply or Resolution               |

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## 1. Full Application Checklist (EFN: SIform.pdf)

Project Name: **Little Valley Forest and Meadow Restoration Project**

Applicant: **Lassen County Fire Safe Council Inc. (LCFSC)**

Please mark each box: check if item is included in the application; mark “N/A” if not applicable to the project. “N/A” identifications must be explained in the application. Please consult with SNC staff prior to submission if you have any questions about the applicability to your project of any items on the checklist. All applications must include a CD including an electronic file of each checklist item, if applicable. The naming convention for each electronic file is listed after each item on the checklist. (Electronic File Name = EFN: “naming convention”. file extension choices)

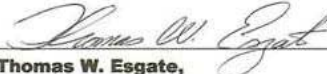
Submission requirements for all Category One and Category Two Grant Applications

1. ☒ Completed Application Checklist (EFN: Checklist.doc,.docx,.rtf, or .pdf)
2. ☒ Table of Contents (EFN: TOC.doc,.docx,.rtf, or .pdf)
3. ☒ Full Application Project Information Form (EFN: SIform.doc, .docx, .rtf, or .pdf)
4. ☒ Authorization to Apply or Resolution (EFN: authorization.doc, .docx, .rtf, or .pdf)
5. ☒ Narrative Descriptions - Submit a single document that includes each of the following narrative descriptions (EFN: Narrative.doc, .docx, .rtf)
  - a. ☒ Detailed Project Description (5,000 character maximum)
    - ☒ Project Description including Goals/Results, Scope of Work, Location, Purpose, etc.
    - ☒ Project Summary
    - ☒ Environmental Setting
  - b. ☒ Workplan and Schedule (1,000 character maximum)
  - c. ☒ Restrictions, Technical/Environmental Documents and Agreements(1,000 character maximum)
  - d. ☒ Organizational Capacity(1,000 character maximum)
  - e. ☒ Cooperation and Community Support (1,000 character maximum)
  - f. ☒ Long Term Management and Sustainability (1,000 character maximum)
  - g. ☒ Performance Measures (1,000 character maximum)
6. Supplemental and Supporting documents
  - a. ☒ Detailed Budget Form (EFN: Budget.xls, .xlsx)
  - b. Restrictions, Technical/Environmental Documents and Agreements, as

applicable

- ☒ Restrictions / Agreements (EFN: RestAgree.pdf)
- ☒ Regulatory Requirements / Permits (EFN: RegPermit.pdf)
- ☒ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation (EFN: CEQA.pdf)
- ☒ National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation (EFN: NEPA.pdf)
- c. Cooperation and Community Support
  - ☒ Letters of Support (EFN: LOS.pdf)
- d. Long-Term Management and Sustainability
  - ☒ Long-Term Management Plan (EFN: LTMP.pdf)
- e. Maps and Photos
  - ☒ Project Location Map (EFN: LocMap.pdf)
  - ☒ Parcel Map showing County Assessor's Parcel Number(s) (EFN: ParcelMap.pdf)
  - ☒ Topographic Map (EFN: Topo.pdf)
  - ☒ Photos of the Project Site (10 maximum) (EFN: Photo.jpg, .gif)
- f. Additional submission requirements for Conservation Easement Acquisition applications only
  - ☐ Acquisition Schedule (EFN: acqSched.doc, .docx, .rtf, .pdf)
  - ☐ Willing Seller Letter (EFN: WillSell.pdf)
  - ☐ Real Estate Appraisal (EFN: Appraisal.pdf)
  - ☐ Conservation Easement Language (EFN: CE.pdf)
- g. Additional submission requirements for Site Improvement / Restoration Project applications only
  - ☒ Land Tenure Documents – attach only if documentation was not included with Pre-application (EFN: Tenure.pdf)
  - ☒ Site Plan (EFN: SitePlan.pdf)
  - ☒ Leases or Agreements (EFN: LeaseAgmnt.pdf)

I certify that the information contained in the Application, including required attachments, is accurate.

  
**Thomas W. Esgate,**

Digitally signed by Thomas W Esgate  
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email=twesgate@sbcglobal.net, c=US  
Date: 2012.01.22 12:36:10 -08'00'

1/21/2012

Signed (Authorized Representative)

Date

Thomas W. Esgate, Managing Director

Name and Title (print or type)

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### 3. Full Application Project Information Form

| <b>SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY</b><br><b>PROPOSITION 84 - PROJECT INFORMATION FORM</b>  |   | Rev. August 2011   |  |  |   |   |              |  |   |                              |   |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|--------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>PROJECT NAME</b> Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project   |   |  |  |  |   |   |              |  |   |                              |   |  |
| <b>APPLICANT NAME</b> <i>(Legal name, address, and zip code)</i><br>Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.<br>P.O. Box 816<br>Susanville, California 96130   |   |  |  |  |   |   |              |  |   |                              |   |  |
| <b>PERSON WITH FISCAL MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANT CONTRACT/INVOICING</b><br><table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 45%;"><i>Name and title – type or print</i></th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;"><i>Phone</i></th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 30%;"><i>Email Address</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Thomas W. Esgate, Managing Director</td> <td>530-310-0146</td> <td><a href="mailto:twesgate@sbcglobal.net">twesgate@sbcglobal.net</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Ms.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>                                |   |  | <i>Name and title – type or print</i>  | <i>Phone</i>   | <i>Email Address</i>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Thomas W. Esgate, Managing Director | 530-310-0146 | <a href="mailto:twesgate@sbcglobal.net">twesgate@sbcglobal.net</a> | <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.              |                              |   |  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Site Improvement/Conservation Easement Acquisition</b><br>Project area: Little Valley, Lassen County<br>Total Acres: 2,800<br>SNC Portion (if different): 697<br>Total Miles (i.e. river or stream bank): N/A <sup>1</sup><br>SNC Portion (if different): N/A <sup>2</sup>   | <b>Select <u>one</u> primary Site Improvement/Conservation Easement Acquisition deliverable</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration<br><input type="checkbox"/> Enhancement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection<br><input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Development / Improvement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement |  |  |  |   |   |              |  |   |                              |   |  |

<sup>1</sup> No stream work in project

<sup>2</sup> No stream work in project

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| <b>For Conservation Easement Acquisitions Only</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Appraisal Included<br><input type="checkbox"/> Will submit appraisal by _____ |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pre-Project Activities</b>   | <b>Select <u>one</u> primary Pre-Project deliverable</b><br><div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Permit<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> CEQA/NEPA Compliance<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Appraisal<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Plan         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Condition Assessment<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Survey<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Site Assessment         </div> </div> |



## 1. Narrative Descriptions (EFN: Narrative .pdf)

### a. Detailed Project Description

#### **Project Summary**

**This project is our #2 priority in the current SNC grant round** and is also a priority in the Lassen County CWPP & 2011 CWPP work plan. Project goal is to restore watershed functions (capture/storage of water in soil, and beneficial release) and health to the forests surrounding the Little Valley community in Lassen County as well as reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

#### Project Objectives/Outcomes

- Assist willing landowners with landscape scale treatments that will return forests to healthy historic climax conditions and protect communities and public lands from catastrophic wildfire.
- Create a Firewise/Fire Safe Community by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, public agencies, and others in the effort to protect people, property, and natural resources from the risk of wildland fire - before a fire starts.
- Reduce the risk of fire to structures through consultations with residents resulting in landowner actions to reduce risk in the home ignition zone.
- Reduce hazardous fuel loads through thinning and mastication in brush areas.
- Protect and improve habitat for sensitive wildlife and plant species by restoring forest and rangeland health
- Improve water quality and quantity of streams and springs through the restoration of eastside forests
- Reduce soil erosion and loss through restoration of rangeland and eastside forest ecosystems.
- Create a renewable energy source through the production of biomass fuel.

#### **Environmental Setting and Impacts**

The eastside pine forest surrounding the Little Valley community is a prime example of an historic change in the landscape vegetative condition caused by past timber harvest practices and the absence of a natural fire regime. As a result, dense stands of young pine have established that are in need of thinning. Invasive western juniper has also crept in to the forest and adjacent sagebrush steppe and needs to be removed. Our restoration treatments will reverse the current conditions that are contributing to an increase in soil erosion; reduced stream flows; reduced forage production; altered wildlife habitat; changed plant community composition, structure, and biodiversity, and increased hazardous fuel loads.

Project activities will not take place where sensitive resources have been identified and will not have a negative impact on the environment. The Project area supports critical wildlife

habitat. Restoration of the habitat will provide enhanced opportunities for hunting and non-take wildlife activities such as bird and wildlife watching.

**b. Workplan and Schedule**

Project includes landscape scale and residential/community treatments, each consisting of the thinning of small and suppressed trees, and the removal of juniper, through shearing, chipping and mastication in order to return the forest to its historic climax condition. For the landscape scale work we have commitments from the three major landowners (SPI, Crum Ranch and Mountain Jewel Ranch) to work with us on the project and a few more large landowners will be signed up if our project is fully funded by SNC. This will result in a holistic treatment involving residential/forest landowners and agricultural and timber landowners. The majority of the adjacent meadow area is currently being operated in a sustainable fashion by Mountain Jewel Ranch in conjunction with its residential care facility for mentally handicapped adults where its residents are actively engaged in ranching activities ( <http://odcc-online.org/WilliamsDoug.html>).

Within 90 days of grant agreement execution (project start date) the landscape scale treatment prescriptions will be identified in the field by Registered Professional Foresters. Bid solicitations will be prepared and the selection of a contractor will be made shortly thereafter. The residential/community component of the project may also involve the removal of larger trees in overstocked stands that pose a forest health and fire risk and it will proceed as follows: LCFSC will complete the sign-up of landowners directly after project award just as we have done with our previous Susanville and Day Lassen Bench SNC projects. Upon execution of our grant agreement with SNC we will complete our residential project sign-up newsletter that will accompany our landowner permission/tenure documents. These will be mailed to residents about 60 days after project start. As the permission documents are returned we will begin scheduling landowner sign-up consultations which will also include Risk Assessments in the Home Ignition Zone. This process will continue throughout the entire project period because there will be landowners who won't sign up until after the treatments actually get underway.

Treatment work will begin within 6 months after the project start date and will be completed by month 18, allowing for winter weather shutdown periods.

Photo monitoring points will be set-up prior to treatment commencement. After treatments have been completed additional photos will be taken to document our work. After all treatments have been completed GIS layers of the completed work areas will be prepared for the Lassen County CWPP Base Map and for submittal to SNC.

|  | Months | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| <b>5.b. Workplan Table</b>                             |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Landscape treatment layout/prescriptions               |        | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Complete Project newsletter/sign-up documents and mail |        |   | ■ | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Prepare bid solicitations                              |        |   |   | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Setup photo monitoring points (pre-treatment)          |        |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |
| Contractor selection                                   |        |   |   | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Landowner consultation prescriptions/risk assessments  |        |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |
| Conduct Treatments (some winter shut down)             |        |   |   |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |
| Post treatments photo monitoring                       |        |   |   |   |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |
| Month 6 progress report                                |        |   |   |   |   |   | ■ |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Month 12 progress report                               |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | ■  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Final progress report and closeout                     |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ■  | ■  |

### c. Restrictions, Technical/Environmental Documents and Agreements

No extraordinary restrictions have been placed on this project. Cultural resources and rare and sensitive plants will be protected with the assistance of Registered Professional Foresters. The three major private landowners have signed tenure agreements agreeing to participate in the project and these are included in this application. Other properties will continue to be signed up as the project moves forward. CalFire exemptions, that are effective 5 days after mailing, will be filed prior to treatments. These exemptions are valid for only a 12 month period. Therefore they need to be filed just prior to commencement of treatments and cannot be filed at the time of this application. This is the procedure we have used in our past SNC projects. Copies of the forms are included with this application. No additional permits are required.

#### California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

The project is exempt from CEQA per Article 19: Categorical Exclusions, Section 15304: Minor Alterations to the Land

Lassen County provides Title III Secure Rural Schools Act funding to the Lassen County Fire Safe Council to apply for and administer funding for fuel reduction projects. Therefore, the Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services determined that they have discretionary authority to act as the lead agency in the CEQA process for this application. The Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services filed a Notice of Exemption with the Lassen County Clerk (see attached Notice).

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

Project is not subject to NEPA.

**d. Organizational Capacity**

LCFSC has no paid employees, all our work is accomplished by independent contractors and volunteers. We have a contracted Managing Director/Project Manager, Tom Esgate (who is also a NRCS Certified Conservation Planner, TSP 03-1001); a contracted assistant project manager, Jerry Benthin (a retired USFS Timber Sale Administrator who has amazing skills in getting landowners of all types signed-up and keeping them happy); contracted Registered Professional Forester, Don Hansen; contracted Education Coordinators, Anna Stephens and Dan Douglas; and a Secretary/Treasurer and Bookkeeper, Cathy Dirden. We also contract for Biological and Botanical services (including monitoring) and Cultural Resource/Archaeological services. All our contracted staff works closely together to successfully implement our projects.

The majority of our treatment work will be accomplished through Licensed Timber Operators who are hired through a competitive bidding process.

We have treated and restored over 20,000 acres in Lassen, Modoc and Shasta counties over the last 10 years. In the last 3 years we have completed the following landscape scale community projects: Susanville (1,500 acres to date), South Knob/Ash Valley Fuel Treatments (4,000 acres and ongoing), Stones Landing (500 acres), Janesville (800 acres and ongoing), Day Lassen Bench (1,500). LCFSC has also completed 4 previous SNC grants: The 2007 Susanville, Day Lassen Bench, Ash Valley and Ash Valley/BLM Watershed Restoration Projects. We have completed all our projects on time, within budget and treated significantly more acres at lower costs than initial estimates.

In summary, LCFSC has the expertise and capacity to complete any and all projects that SNC may award us in the current grant round.

**e. Cooperation and Community Support**

Our project was developed as part of the highly collaborative Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The Lassen County CWPP is unique in that it incorporates a formal Memo of Understanding (MOU) executed by Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Lassen County, 3 National Forests, 2 BLM Field Offices, CalFire, NRCS, local Fire Departments, Tribes and 4 Private Timber Companies, together known as the CWPP Working Group. Each year the Working Group meets and plans, reviews and ranks projects. The Little Valley project has been one of the CWPP's top priorities over the last several years. Also unique is that the MOU designates LCFSC as the lead for implementing and coordinating the CWPP.

We are including letters of support from:  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors  
Lassen National Forest  
Bureau of Land Management

Honey Lake Power  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District  
Susanville Indian Rancheria

**f. Long Term Management and Sustainability**

This project is designed to reduce canopy cover, remove ladder fuels and forest litter, and remove invasive juniper that has increased over the last 100 to 150 years. Stands will be returned to a sustainable condition following treatment. Intensive management activities involving fuel removal will not be necessary for another ten to twenty years. All our participants agree to maintain the benefits provided by our treatments.

We will assist the community in enrollment in the Firewise Community USA program and this will further aide in the sustainability and success of the project. The program encourages community action and involvement and there is an annual recertification process that keeps the community focused on the Fire Safe and Firewise messages, including treatment maintenance.

**Performance Measures**

We will report quantities and/or values of the following performance measures:

**Performance Measures for all Categories**

**i) Number of People Reached**

Attempts will be made to reach every resident of Little Valley in order to offer treatments and provide risk assessments of their properties. Our progress will be covered by local media outlets and people will also be reached through our project newsletter and our website.

**ii) Dollar Value of Resources Leveraged for the Sierra Nevada**

LCFSC has a successful track record leveraging funds and we will leverage additional resources with SNC funds beyond those cited in budget.

**iii) Number and Type of Jobs Created**

Project will preserve and create forest products sector jobs.

**iv) Number of New, Improved or Preserved Economic Activities**

This project will preserve our forest products sector, ranching, and renewable energy production, all of which are suffering in the region.



**b) Performance Measures Specific to Project Type**

**i) Kilowatts of Renewable Energy Production Capacity Maintained or Created**

The biomass developed from this project will create renewable energy kilowatts.

**ii) Changes in tree canopy cover, density and composition to a greater dominance of eastside pine and a canopy cover of less than 40%**

LCFSC will collect pre- and post-treatment data to document changes in tree density and composition to demonstrate that forest condition goals following treatment have been met.

**iii) Number of forest and meadow acres restored**

GIS layer will be delivered to SNC documenting the number of acres restored.

## Appendix B3

### SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 84 - DETAILED BUDGET FORM

**Project Name:** Little Valley Forest and Meadow Restoration Project

**Applicant:** Lassen County Fire Safe Council Inc. (LCFSC)

| <b>SECTION ONE<br/>DIRECT COSTS</b>                                | <b>Year One</b> | <b>Year Two</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Project Management Costs</i>                                    | \$20,000.00     | \$10,000.00     | \$30,000.00  |
| <i>Travel</i>  | \$4,000.00      | \$2,000.00      | \$6,000.00   |
| <i>Site Restoration Work Costs/Landscape Scale?677 ac. @ \$350</i> | \$157,000.00    | \$80,000.00     | \$237,000.00 |
| <i>Community/20 ac. @ \$2,000</i>                                  | \$20,000.00     | \$20,000.00     | \$40,000.00  |
|  |                 |                 | \$0.00       |
|  |                 |                 | \$0.00       |
|  |                 |                 | \$0.00       |
| <b>DIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:</b>                                      | \$201,000.00    | \$112,000.00    | \$313,000.00 |

| <b>SECTION TWO<br/>INDIRECT COSTS</b>           | <b>Year One</b> | <b>Year Two</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Monitoring &amp; Performance Reporting</i>   | \$2,000.00      | \$1,000.00      | \$3,000.00   |
| <i>Publications, Printing, Public Relations</i> | \$1,500.00      | \$500.00        | \$2,000.00   |
|   |                 |                 | \$0.00       |
|   |                 |                 | \$0.00       |
| <b>INDIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:</b>                 | \$3,500.00      | \$1,500.00      | \$5,000.00   |
| <b>PROJECT TOTAL:</b>                           | \$204,500.00    | \$113,500.00    | \$318,000.00 |

| <b>SECTION THREE<br/>Administrative Costs (Costs may not to exceed 15% of total Project Cost) :</b> | <b>Total</b> |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>*Organization operating/overhead costs</i>   | \$20,450.00  | \$11,350.00  | \$31,800.00  |
|   |              |              | \$0.00       |
|   |              |              | \$0.00       |
|   |              |              | \$0.00       |
|   |              |              | \$0.00       |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL:</b>  | \$20,450.00  | \$11,350.00  | \$31,800.00  |
| <b>SNC TOTAL GRANT REQUEST:</b>   | \$224,950.00 | \$124,850.00 | \$349,800.00 |

| <b>SECTION FOUR<br/>OTHER PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>             | <b>Year One</b> | <b>Year Two</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   |                 |                 |              |
| LCFSC/Cash/Risk Assessments & Landowner Consultations/Committed | \$10,000.00     | \$5,000.00      | \$15,000.00  |
| Chip Proceeds Applied Toward Treatment Costs                    | \$100,000.00    | \$100,000.00    | \$200,000.00 |
| Seirra Pacific Industries/In-kind/RPF Services/Committed        | \$10,000.00     | \$5,000.00      | \$15,000.00  |
|   |                 |                 | \$0.00       |
|   |                 |                 | \$0.00       |
|   |                 |                 | \$0.00       |
| <b>Total Other Contributions:</b>                               | \$120,000.00    | \$110,000.00    | \$230,000.00 |

**NOTE:** The categories listed on this form are examples and may or may not be an expense related to the project. Rows may be added or deleted on the form as needed. Applicants should contact the SNC if questions arise.

\* Operating Costs should be allocated to the percentage that is applicable to the grant based on your cost allocation methodology and cannot exceed 15% of your total project costs.

**b. Restrictions, Technical/Environmental Documents and Agreements**

**Restrictions/Agreements (EFN: Rest/Agree.pdf)**

There are no extraordinary restrictions affecting our project.

**CHRISTMAS TREE; DEAD, DYING OR DISEASED;  
FUELWOOD OR SPLIT PRODUCTS EXEMPTION**

FOR ADMIN. USE ONLY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION  
NOTICE OF TIMBER OPERATIONS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM  
TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN REQUIREMENTS; RM-73 (1038ab) (11/11)

Ex. # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Receipt \_\_\_\_\_

Date Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF RECEIPT BY CAL FIRE**

The Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is hereby notified of timber operations under the requirements of 14 CCR § 1038(a) or (b). The following type(s) of timber operation is to be conducted:

\_\_\_\_\_ Harvesting Christmas trees.

\_\_\_\_\_ Harvesting dead, dying or diseased trees of any size in amounts less than 10 percent of the average volume per acre, where timber operations will meet the conditions listed in 14 CCR § 1038(b).

\_\_\_\_\_ Harvesting fuelwood or split products in amounts less than 10 percent of the average volume per acre, where timber operations will meet the conditions listed in 14 CCR § 1038(b). **Note:** If you are harvesting fuelwood or split products, please be aware that cut wood can be infested with harmful forest pests. Long distance transport of infested firewood can result in the unintentional spread of these pests. Please see [www.firewood.ca.gov](http://www.firewood.ca.gov) for more information.

The timber owner shall complete this form both pages, then sign on page two.

1. TIMBER OWNER(S) OF RECORD: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

TIMBER TAX NOTICE: Timber owners owe timber yield tax when they harvest trees unless the harvest is exempt (Revenue and Taxation Code sec. 38116). Some small or low value harvests may be exempt from the timber yield tax: timber removed from an operation whose value does not exceed \$3,000 within a quarter, according to BOE Harvest Value Schedules, Rule 1024. If you believe your harvest may qualify for this exemption, please complete items A, B, C, and D below. **For timber yield tax information or for further assistance with these questions call the State Board of Equalization, 1-800-400-7115 or write:** Timber Tax Section, MIC: 60, State Board of Equalization, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, California 94279-0060; or contact the BOE Web Page on the Internet at <http://www.boe.ca.gov>.

A. Circle the option that most closely estimates the total volume for this harvest, in thousands of board feet (mbf - Net Scribner short log):

Under 8 mbf                      8-15 mbf                      16-25 mbf                      Over 25 mbf

B. Estimate what percentage of timber will be removed during this harvest:

Redwood \_\_\_\_\_%; Ponderosa/Sugar pine \_\_\_\_\_%; Douglas-fir \_\_\_\_\_%; Fir \_\_\_\_\_%;

Port-Orford Cedar \_\_\_\_\_%; Cedar (IC, WRC) \_\_\_\_\_%; Other conifer %; \_\_\_\_\_; Other hardwood \_\_\_\_\_%.

C. Fuelwood over 150 cords? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

D. Christmas trees over 3,000 lineal feet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. TIMBERLAND OWNER(S) OF RECORD: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. LICENSED TIMBER OPERATOR(S): Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Page One. NOTE: This form has two pages. Continue on and complete Page Two. Read the instructions before attempting to complete.

- Designate the legal land description of the location of the timber operation. Attach a 7.5 minute quadrangle or equivalent map showing the location of the timber operation. It would be helpful to show the access road and attach a copy of an assessor's parcel map for areas of less than 40 acres.

| Section | Township | Range | Base & Meridian | County | Logging Area<br>Acreage (Estimated) | Assessors Parcel # (Optional) |
|---------|----------|-------|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| _____   | _____    | _____ | _____           | _____  | _____                               | _____                         |

**The following are limitations or requirements for timber operations conducted under a Notice of Exemption for Christmas Trees, Dead, Dying or Diseased, or Fuelwood (Notice, Notice of Exemption):**

- This notice must be submitted to and received by CAL FIRE at one of the offices listed below prior to the commencement of timber operations.
- 14 CCR § 1038(b) places certain limits on the harvesting of Christmas trees, dead, dying and diseased trees, and fuelwood or split products. These limits need to be examined to assure compliance.
- Timber operations conducted under this notice shall comply with all operational provisions of the Forest Practice Act and District Forest Practice Rules applicable to "Timber Harvest Plan," "THP," and "plan." The requirements to submit a completion and stocking report normally do not apply. The requirements for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (See 14 CCR § 15300.1) also do not apply.
- There are special requirements for timber operations conducted in Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency area, and in counties with special rules adopted by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. These rules should be reviewed prior to submitting this notice to CAL FIRE.
- This Notice of Exemption is valid for one year from the date of receipt by CAL FIRE.
- A timber operator with a valid state license must be designated upon submission of this notice.

**The following suggestions may help ensure your compliance with the Forest Practice Rules:**

- Timber owners, timberland owners and timber operators should obtain and review copies of the Forest Practice Rules pertaining to the Notice of Exemption. Copies may be obtained from BARCLAYS LAW PUBLISHERS, P.O. BOX 3066, SO. SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94080. or from CAL FIRE, Forest Practice Section, P.O. BOX 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460; or from CAL FIRE's Web Page on the Internet at <http://www.fire.ca.gov>.
- Contact the nearest CAL FIRE office listed below for questions regarding the use of this notice.

**FILE THIS NOTICE WITH THE CAL FIRE OFFICE BELOW FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE OPERATION WILL OCCUR:**

|  |                |   |
|--|----------------|---|
| Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa,<br>San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, western Trinity and Yolo Counties.   | =><br>=>       | Forest Practice Program Manager<br>CAL FIRE<br>135 Ridgway Avenue<br>Santa Rosa, CA 95401 |
| Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta,<br>Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, eastern Trinity and Yuba Counties.   | =><br>=>       | Forest Practice Program Manager<br>CAL FIRE<br>6105 Airport Road<br>Redding, CA 96002     |
| Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles,<br>Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino,<br>San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Ventura Counties. | =><br>=><br>=> | Forest Practice Program Manager<br>CAL FIRE<br>1234 East Shaw Avenue<br>Fresno, CA 93710  |

SIGNATURE OF THE TIMBER OWNER OR AGENT THEREOF: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

REMOVAL OF FIRE HAZARD TREES  
WITHIN 150 FEET OF A STRUCTURE  
EXEMPTION

FOR ADMIN. USE ONLY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION  
NOTICE OF TIMBER OPERATIONS THAT ARE EXEMPT  
FROM  
TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN REQUIREMENTS  
RM-73 (1038c) (12/08)

Ex. # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Receipt \_\_\_\_\_

Date Accepted by CAL FIRE \_\_\_\_\_

Date Expires \_\_\_\_\_

VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF RECEIPT BY CAL FIRE  
OPERATIONS MAY NOT COMMENCE FOR FIVE WORKING DAYS FROM DATE OF  
RECEIPT BY CAL FIRE

The Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is hereby notified of timber operations under the requirements of 14 CCR § 1038(c) to cut or remove trees in compliance with Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 4290 and 4291.

1. TIMBER OWNER(S) OF RECORD: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

TIMBER TAX EXEMPTION: Timber owners owe timber yield tax when they harvest trees unless the harvest is exempt (Revenue and Taxation Code sec. 38116). Some small or low value harvests may be exempt from timber yield tax: timber removed from an operation whose value does not exceed \$3,000 within a quarter, according to BOE Harvest Value Schedules, Rule 1024. If you believe your harvest may qualify for this exemption, please complete Items A and B below. **For timber yield tax information or for further assistance with these questions call 1-800-400-7115**, or write: Timber Tax Section, MIC: 60, State Board of Equalization, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, California 94279-0060; or contact the BOE Web Page on the Internet at <http://www.boe.ca.gov>.

A. Circle the option that most closely estimates the total volume for this harvest, in thousands of board feet (mbf - Net Scribner short log):

Under 8 mbf                      8-15 mbf                      16-25 mbf                      Over 25 mbf

B. Estimate what percentage of timber will be removed during this harvest:

Redwood \_\_\_\_\_%; Ponderosa/Sugar pine \_\_\_\_\_%; Douglas-fir \_\_\_\_\_%; Fir \_\_\_\_\_%;

Port-Orford Cedar \_\_\_\_\_%; Cedar (IC, WRC) \_\_\_\_\_%; Other conifer \_\_\_\_\_%; Other hardwood \_\_\_\_\_%.

2. TIMBERLAND OWNER(S) OF RECORD: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have read and understand the information on the reverse of this form and that I am the timberland owner of record.*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

3. LICENSED TIMBER OPERATOR(S): Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

4. EXPECTED DATE TIMBER OPERATIONS WILL COMMENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

If this date is unknown so state, but the timber operator must notify, by phone or mail, the appropriate **CAL FIRE Review Team Office** within a 15 day period before the actual commencement date for the start of operations.

5. Designate the legal land description of the location of the timber operation. Attach two maps showing the location of the timber operation. One map shall be a 7.5 minute quadrangle or equivalent. The second shall be a larger scale map such as an assessor's parcel map showing the location of the timber operation. Describe the access route to the timber operation so that it can be easily located.

| Section(s) | Township | Range | Base & Meridian | County | Logging Area<br>Acreage (Estimated) | Assessors Parcel # (Optional) |
|------------|----------|-------|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|            |          |       |                 |        |                                     |                               |

**The following are limitations or requirements for timber operations conducted under this Removal of Fire Hazard Trees Within 150 Feet of a Structure Exemption (Notice, Notice of Exemption, Exemption Notice, and Exemption):**

1. Timber operations may not commence until five days after the date of receipt of this notice by the appropriate CAL FIRE office as listed below. If CAL FIRE acts within five days of receipt of the notice, timber operations cannot be conducted unless a copy of CAL FIRE's notice of acceptance of the exemption is on hand at the operating site. The timber operator must notify the appropriate CAL FIRE Unit, by phone or mail, of the actual commencement date within a 15-day period before timber operations begin.
2. 14 CCR § 1038(b)(1-10) places certain limits on the harvesting of trees under this exemption. These limits need to be examined to assure compliance.
3. Only trees within 150 feet of an approved and legally permitted structure that complies with the California Building Code (includes only structures designed for human occupancy, garages, barns, stables and structures used to enclose fuel tanks) may be harvested under this Notice of Exemption. Clearcutting, seed tree removal step or shelterwood removal step are not allowed under this Notice of Exemption.
4. Timber operations conducted under this notice shall comply with all operational provisions of the Forest Practice Act and District Forest Practice Rules applicable to "Timber Harvesting Plan," "THP," and "plan." Timber operations must conform to applicable city or county general plans, city or county implementing ordinances, and city or county zoning ordinances within which the exemption is located. The requirements to submit a completion and stocking report do not normally apply.
5. There are special requirements for timber operations conducted in Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency area, and in counties with special rules adopted by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. These rules should be reviewed prior to submitting this notice to CAL FIRE.
6. All surface fuels created by timber operations under this exemption, which could promote the spread of wildfire, including logging slash and debris, deadwood, branches exceeding one inch in diameter, and brush (killed by the timber operation), shall be chipped, burned, or removed within 45 days of the start of timber operations.
7. In addition to the treatment described in Item 6 above, the areas of timber operations must meet the vegetation treatment standards in PRC § 4584(j)(1)-(2)(A) as illustrated in *Board of Forestry Technical Rule Addendum No. 4* within one year from receipt of the Notice of Acceptance issued by CAL FIRE.
8. A timber operator with a valid state license must be designated upon submission of this notice.

**The following suggestion may help ensure your compliance with the Forest Practice Rules:**

Timber owners, timberland owners and timber operators should obtain and review copies of the Forest Practice Rules pertaining to the Notice of Exemption. Copies may be obtained from BARCLAYS LAW PUBLISHERS, P.O. BOX 3066, SO. SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94080. or from CAL FIRE, Forest Practice Section, P.O. BOX 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460; or from CAL FIRE's Web Page on the Internet at <http://www.fire.ca.gov>.

FILE THIS NOTICE WITH THE CAL FIRE OFFICE BELOW FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE OPERATION WILL OCCUR:

|  |                |   |
|--|----------------|---|
| Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa,<br>San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, western Trinity and Yolo Counties.   | =><br>=>       | Forest Practice Program Manager<br>CAL FIRE<br>135 Ridgway Avenue<br>Santa Rosa, CA 95401 |
| Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta,<br>Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, eastern Trinity and Yuba Counties.   | =><br>=>       | Forest Practice Program Manager<br>CAL FIRE<br>6105 Airport Road<br>Redding, CA 96002     |
| Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles,<br>Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino,<br>San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Ventura Counties. | =><br>=><br>=> | Forest Practice Program Manager<br>CAL FIRE<br>1234 East Shaw Avenue<br>Fresno, CA 93710  |

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:** Must be completed by timberland owner or timber operator as listed on page one. *I certify that the city or county within which this exemption is located has been contacted and the exemption is in conformance with all city and county regulatory requirements.*

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**RECEIVED**

**TO:** County Clerk  
County of Lassen  
220 South Lassen Street  
Susanville, CA 96130

**DEC 21 2011**

JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
LASSEN COUNTY CLERK  
By  Deputy

**FROM:** Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services  
707 Nevada Street, Suite 5  
Susanville, CA 96130

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**Project Title:** Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project

**File Number:** N/A

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**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Maurice L. Anderson

**Phone No.:** (530) 251-8269

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**Project Location:** Little Valley, Lassen County, California

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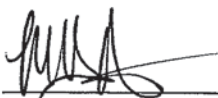
**Project Description:** The project is fuel reduction activities to improve the protection of homes, communities, and public lands from fire while protecting environmental, natural and cultural resources. The project will reduce fuel loads in a mixed conifer forest adjacent to a wet meadow near the community of Little Valley. The project site is located in a mixed conifer forest and the target fuels are small and suppressed trees and western juniper. The project also includes the removal of trees adjacent to homes to meet the minimum 100' clearance requirements of California Resources Code 4291 and to reduce risk in the home ignition zone and thereby create a defensible space. Lassen County provides funding to the Lassen County Fire Safe Council through Title 3 funding for educational and grant projects.

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**Exempt Status:**

1. ☐ Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); 15268);
  2. ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
  3. ☐ Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
  4. ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304
  5. ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State type and section number:
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**Reason why project is exempt:** The Environmental Review Officer of the County of Lassen has determined that this proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15304 of the Guidelines, which exempts minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.



Maurice L. Anderson

Environmental Review Officer

Title

12-20-11

Date



**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation (*EFN: NEPA.pdf*)**

N/A Project is not subject to NEPA

County of Lassen  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**



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January 10, 2012

Mr. Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Ste. 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Subject: Letter of Support for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Application for Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project. The Lassen County Board of Supervisors supports this effort to restore forest land and watershed functions within and around the Little Valley community in Northwest Lassen County. This will be accomplished through the implementation of forest restoration treatments on up to 1,000 acres, depending on the funding awarded to the council. The project specifically addresses the Proposition 84 goal of restoring watersheds and their associated land, water, and natural resources and will address several SNC programmatic goals by: restoring the Region's physical and living resources; aiding in the preservation of working landscapes; reducing the risk of natural disasters, such as wildfires; improving water quality; and assisting the Regional economy.

The Lassen County Fire Safe Council has continually shown the ability to meet and exceed expectations while implementing large scale restoration projects and they have become an innovator and model for others implementing ecosystem and watershed restoration projects. The Lassen County Board of Supervisors supports the Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project and looks forward to continuing to work with the Lassen County Fire Safe Council to restore ecosystems and watersheds to their natural condition.

Sincerely,

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Brian Dahle, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors



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Eagle Lake Ranger District  
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File Code: 5170

Date: January 13, 2012

Mr. Jim Branham  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Ste. 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Subject: Letter of Support for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Application  
Little Valley Forest and Meadow Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Lassen National Forest supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Little Valley Forest and Meadow Restoration Project. The proposed project is in concert with the Lassen National Forest's objectives to restore watershed functions and reduce the risk of wildfire within and adjacent to the Forest. The Lassen County Fire Safe Council has an excellent track record for working with land owners and getting important work accomplished on-the-ground. In addition, their effort to provide education as part of their projects has enhanced the communities they work in.

Because of the efforts of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, communities in fire prone ecosystems have a heightened awareness of the importance of preserving a working landscape; reducing the risk of natural disasters, such as wildfires; improving water quality; and the role of landscape management to the Regional economy. The Lassen County Fire Safe Council has reached out to many partners including the Lassen National Forest, we are proud to be a partner and support this project.

Sincerely,

ANN D. CARLSON  
District Ranger

cc: Jerry Bird





# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Alturas Field Office  
708 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
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In reply refer to:

January 9, 2012

Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
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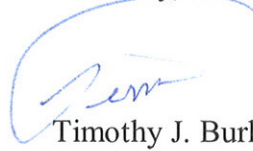
Dear <sup>Jim</sup>Mr. Branham:

The Alturas Field office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) supports the Little Valley Forest and Meadow Restoration Project proposed by the Lassen County Fire Safe Council. The BLM has worked closely with Lassen County Fire Safe Council in the implementation of our Sage Steppe Ecosystem Restoration Strategy. The proposed project will supplement sage steppe restoration projects in the Little Valley area and improve the health of the watershed.

The Council is an active and innovative partner in developing and implementing vegetation improvement projects in northeastern California. We are confident in their ability to achieve the desired objectives.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 530-233-7904.

Sincerely,

  
Timothy J. Burke  
Field Manager





# SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA

Mr. Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Ste. 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Subject: Letter of Support for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Application  
Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Susanville Indian Rancheria supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project. The Susanville Indian Rancheria supports this effort to restore forest land and watershed functions within and around the Little Valley community in Northwest Lassen County. This will be accomplished through the implementation of forest restoration treatments on up to 1,000 acres, depending on the funding awarded to the council. The project specifically addresses the Proposition 84 goal of restoring watersheds and their associated land, water, and natural resources and will address several SNC programmatic goals by: restoring the Region's physical and living resources; aiding in the preservation of working landscapes; reducing the risk of natural disasters, such as wildfires; improving water quality; and assisting the Regional economy.

The Susanville Indian Rancheria applauds the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's efforts to restore forest ecosystems to pre-European settlement conditions. The Susanville Indian Rancheria supports the Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project and looks forward to continuing to work with the Lassen County Fire Safe Council to restore ecosystems and watersheds to their natural condition.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stacy Dixon  
Tribal Chairman





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**Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District**  
170 Russell Ave., Suite C - Susanville, CA 96130 - Phone (530) 257-7272, Ext. 101

Mr. Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Ste. 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Subject: Letter of Support for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Application  
Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project. The Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District supports this effort to restore forest land and watershed functions within and around the Little Valley community in Northwest Lassen County. This will be accomplished through the implementation of forest restoration treatments on up to 1,000 acres, depending on the funding awarded to the council. The project specifically addresses the Proposition 84 goal of restoring watersheds and their associated land, water, and natural resources and will address several SNC programmatic goals by: restoring the Region's physical and living resources; aiding in the preservation of working landscapes; reducing the risk of natural disasters, such as wildfires; improving water quality; and assisting the Regional economy.

The Lassen County Fire Safe has continually shown the ability to meet and exceed expectations while implementing large scale restoration projects and they have become an innovator and model for others implementing ecosystem and watershed restoration projects. The Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District supports the Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project and looks forward to continuing to work with the Lassen County Fire Safe Council to restore ecosystems and watersheds to their natural condition.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Anton  
Chairman

H.L. POWER COMPANY, LP, an affiliate of



732-025 Wendel Road, Wendel, CA 96136

Phone: (530) 254-6161

January 5, 2012

Mr. Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Ste. 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Subject: Letter of Support for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Application  
Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Branham:

H.L. Power Company, LP, an affiliate of Greenleaf Power, supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project.

As a Biomass Electricity Generation facility located in Lassen County, H.L. Power Company has been intimately involved with local forest and watershed restoration efforts for more than 20 years through environmentally clean utilization of forest fuels for the production of green power. Currently, the Lassen County Fire Safe Council is continuing in these efforts with this project in the Little Valley community in Northwest Lassen County. This project proposes to improve up to 1,000 acres with forest restoration treatments, depending on the funding awarded to the Council.

The project specifically addresses the Proposition 84 goal of restoring watersheds and their associated land, water, and natural resources. It will also address several SNC programmatic goals by: restoring the Region's physical and living resources; aiding in the preservation of working landscapes; reducing the risk of natural disasters, such as wildfires; improving water quality; and assisting the Regional economy.

The Lassen County Fire Safe Council has continually shown the ability to meet and exceed expectations while implementing large scale restoration projects. They have become an innovator and a model for others in project implementation.

H.L. Power supports the Little Valley Forest and Meadow Watershed Restoration Project and looks forward to the opportunity to assist the Lassen County Fire Safe Council in the restoration of ecosystems and watersheds to their natural condition.

Sincerely,

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Mark A. Shaffer  
Fuel Supply Manager / California Registered Professional Forester # 2485

#### **d. Long-Term Management and Sustainability**

##### **Long-Term Management Plan (EFN: LTMP.pdf)**

Our project treatments are such that the results will be sustainable for 20 years with minimal maintenance. If the project was not implemented forest health would continue to deteriorate and there would be a greater risk of catastrophic fire and the watershed and wildlife habitat would be in jeopardy. After 20-30 years the forest surrounding the community in our treatment area could be ready for a second entry that would produce saw logs and chips and help support our local forest products sector.

All our landowner agreements require that the landowner maintain the benefits of the treatments we perform. In addition we mount extensive education/information efforts in conjunction with each individual project. This ensures that the community members have the information they need to understand and follow through with maintenance.

There are three classes of private timberland owners within and adjacent to the project area. These are:

**Industrial Timberland Owners (ITO):** Those timberland owners who own large amounts of land with an interest in managing their forested areas for the long-term production of timber for its economic return.

**Non-Industrial Timberland Owners (NITO):** Those Timberland Owners with acreage typically somewhat larger than 40 acres with an interest in managing their forested areas for the long-term production of timber for its economic return.

**Residential Timberland Owners (RTO):** Those Timberland Owners that have parcels typically smaller than 40 acres that desire the aesthetic benefits of the forested landscape but are not focused on the economic returns that they may derive from their timber resources.

The typical goal of ITO's and NITO's is to produce a continuing stream of revenue from their timber over the long-term. In pursuing this objective, focus is normally placed on producing the optimum growth from the stand. This often requires a more closed stand, which will promote increased tree height and a canopy closure that will cause pruning of the lower limbs over time. The LCFSC position, and that of many resource agencies, is that the landscape can and should be manipulated for timber production but the associated fuel loads are often not appropriate in the residential setting. A closed crown stand is subject to a higher risk of a crown fire in extreme conditions and reduces the fire survivability of the community.

ITO and NITO timber harvests are planned on multi-year entries, depending on the growth characteristics of the stand and the economic objectives of the individual



landowner. Often, the revenue is enough to subsidize differing prescriptions of clean-up and/or thinning of the understory if desired by the landowner. Many of the ITO and NITO landowners in the project area are under the management of one forester, which give them an exceptional economy of scale when marketing their timber. Others may individually enlist the services of a forester to write a Timber Harvest Plan when they are ready to derive economic benefits from their timber stand.

For the RTO the economics of timber production often work against them. They lose the economy of scale and also have to factor in the high cost of timber operations that must mitigate for power lines, septic systems, driveways, fences and homes. The California Forest Practice Rules are cumbersome and many RTO's are finding that the cost of hiring a Forester to manage a treatment project on their individual property is another cost prohibiting factor. Many RTO's have very little resource value on their property, but still have all of the costs of forestry, harvesting and clean-up. Many of these landowners do not desire to harvest the larger, more valuable trees. Instead, they value the larger trees for their aesthetic benefits and actually live in these areas because they love the forest and the trees. Therefore, if they have to harvest trees to treat the fuels on the property, which is more likely to be an out-of-pocket situation for the landowner, then they will typically choose to not treat their property outside of that area required by law (100 feet). It is also important to note that most of these RTO's are carrying some amount of debt on their home and property which limits their ability to pay for treatment.

Due to these economic factors associated with the RTO's, the thinning treatment provided for in the plan will be extremely beneficial in giving the RTO a head start in managing their property for reduced fire risk. If thinned to a point of a 40% crown closure, a future entry to remove larger material will most likely not be necessary for 15 years or more. The yearly maintenance of the fine fuels (needles, leaves and brush) will be much more manageable for the RTO, both physically and economically. The higher the crown closure following treatment, the more frequent will be the entries required over the long-term to remove the larger material and the higher the future cost.

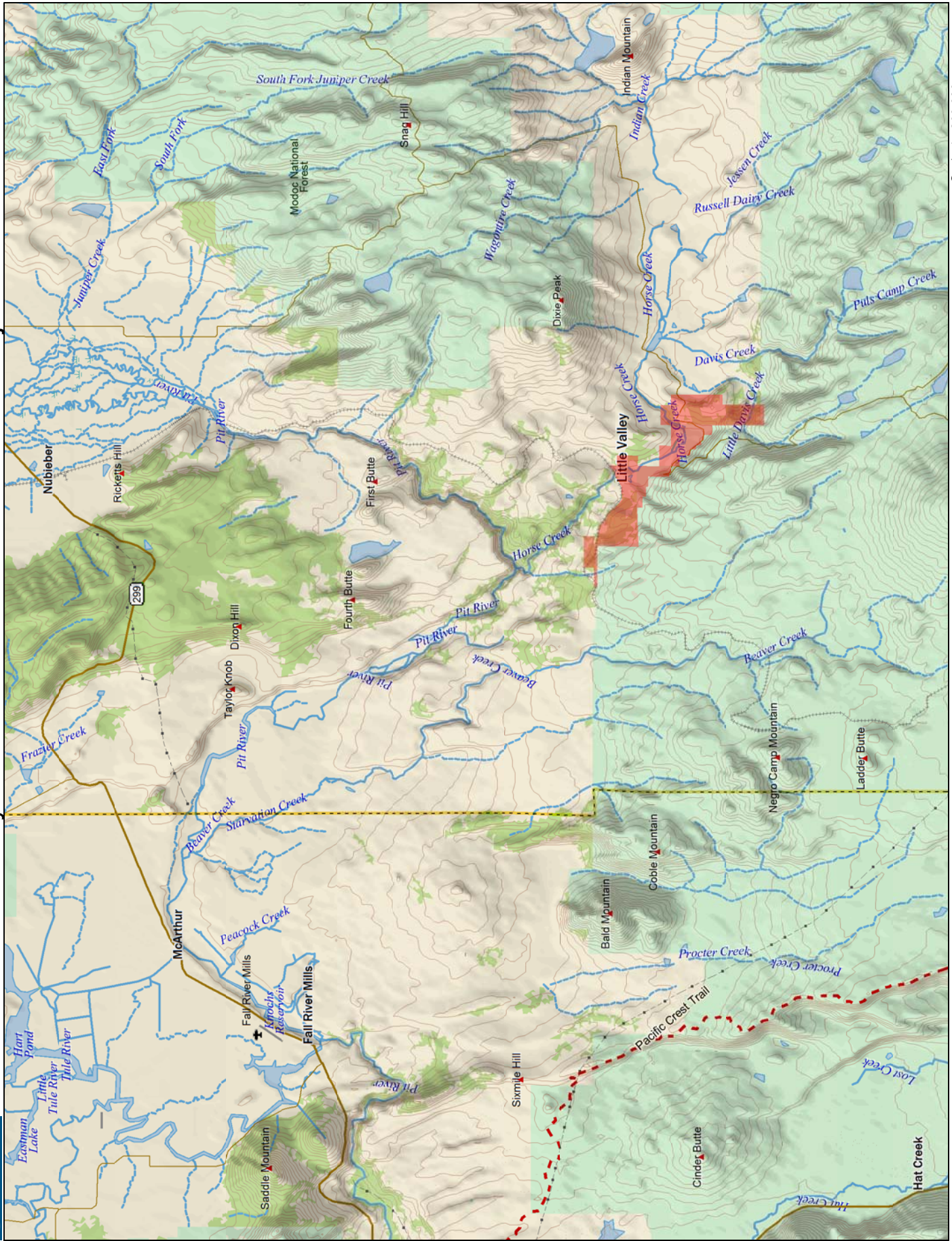
Treatments in much of the Sierra region are running from \$1,800 to \$3,500 an acre. Costs for this work are expected to be in the range of \$400 per acre due to the economy of scale associated with the planned landscape level treatments. While \$1,800 an acre treatment may provide a more personal touch for the landowner, the bottom line is that less than 1/3 of the acres are being treated. A landscape scale treatment will provide widespread improvement at a fraction of the cost and enhance fire survivability. Additionally, once treated, the RTO will be more likely to maintain their property and add their own personal touches as they deem necessary.

2. Landowner agreements have been executed and an example is included with the application.
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    - i. Primary post treatment management activities consist of the landowner treating emergent brush and some of the new growth trees that will occur as a result of our treatments. This will be more easily accomplished than what they are faced with currently.
    - ii. The private landowner cooperator will perform the management and the LCFSC will continue to assist and mentor the property owners and residents. The Lassen County Agricultural Commissioner will assist with noxious weed monitoring and treatment.
    - iii. Ongoing management will be the responsibility of the private landowner.
  - b. No other modifications of the resources within the project area are planned. However, the USFS and BLM have completed treatments in the vicinity, and they are planning additional treatments on their adjacent lands. We will be complementing each other's efforts.
3. Little Valley's upcoming status and involvement in the Firewise Community USA program will further aid in the sustainability and success of the project. The program energizes the community to take more personal responsibility for wildfire mitigation efforts, particularly in regard to fuel treatment maintenance and reducing structural ignitability.



# Little Valley Forest and Meadow Restoration Project

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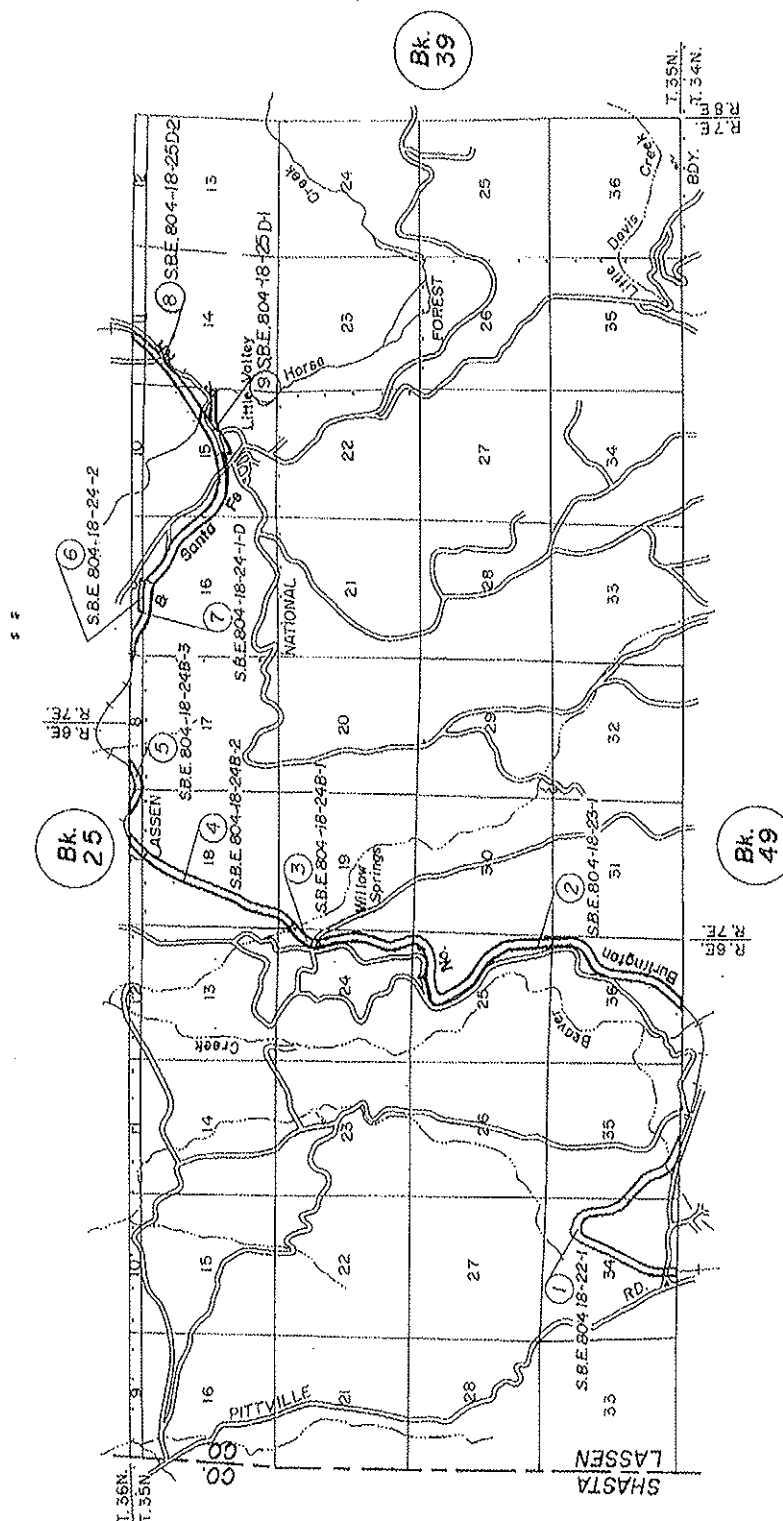
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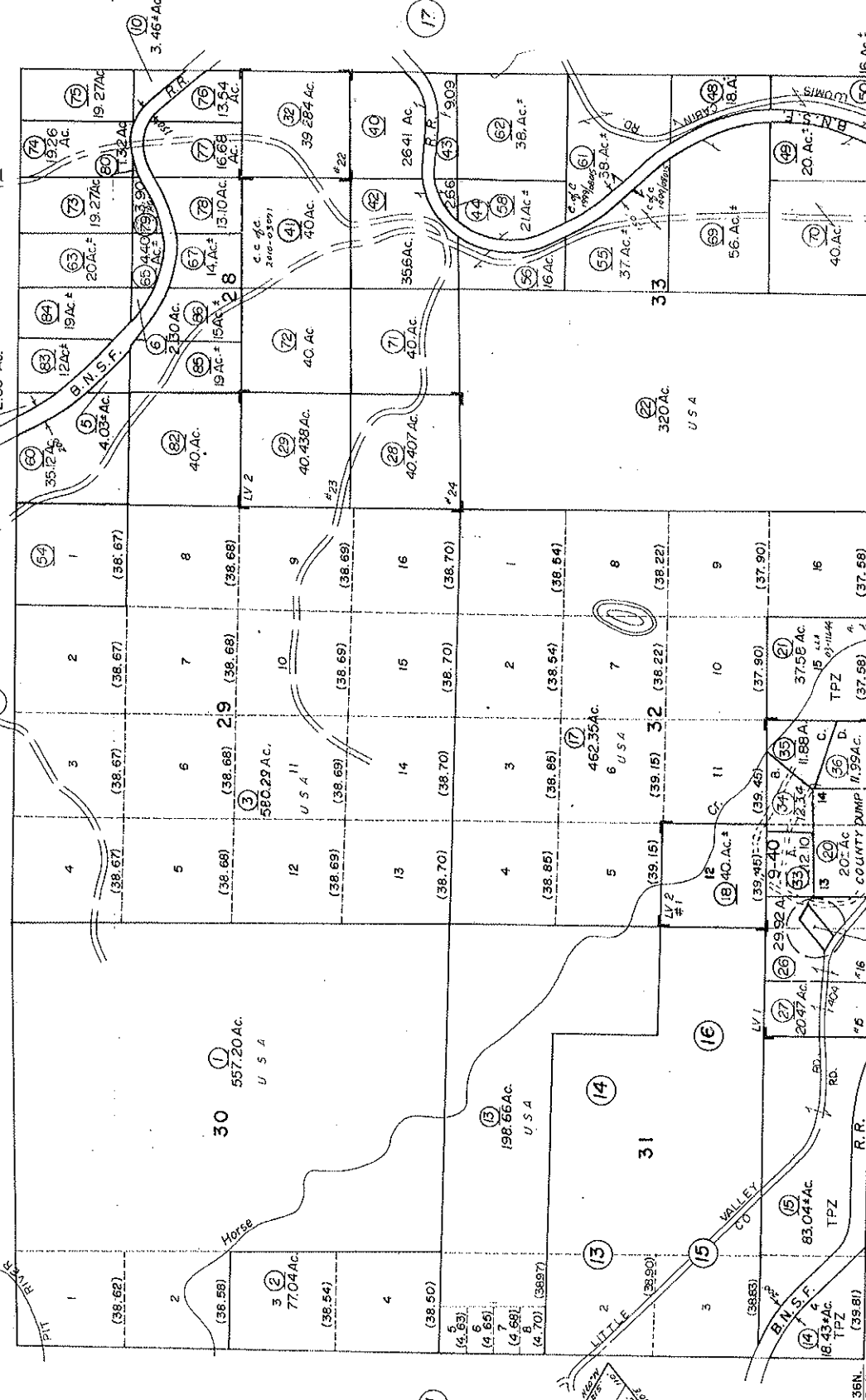
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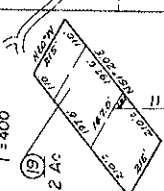
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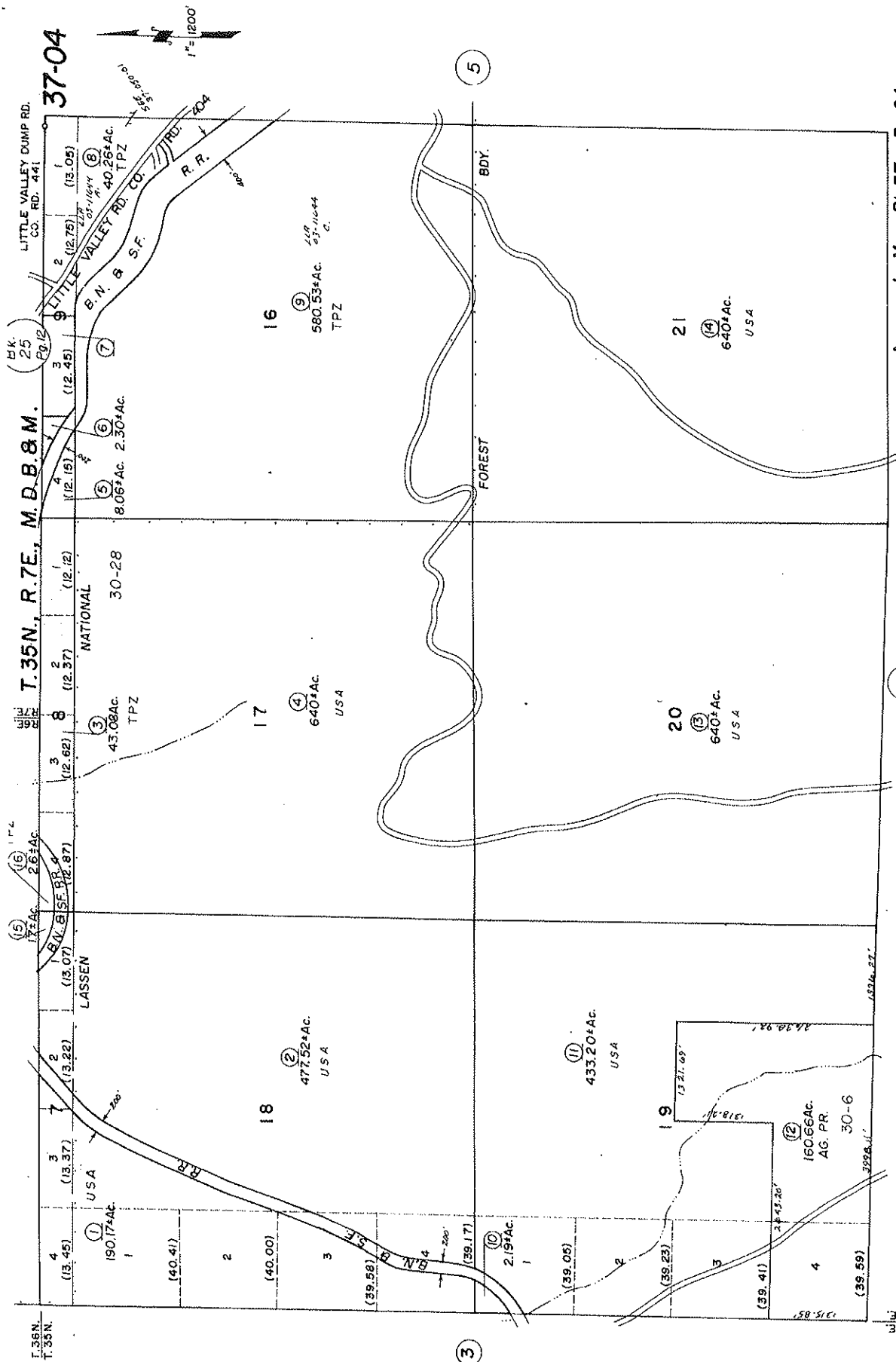


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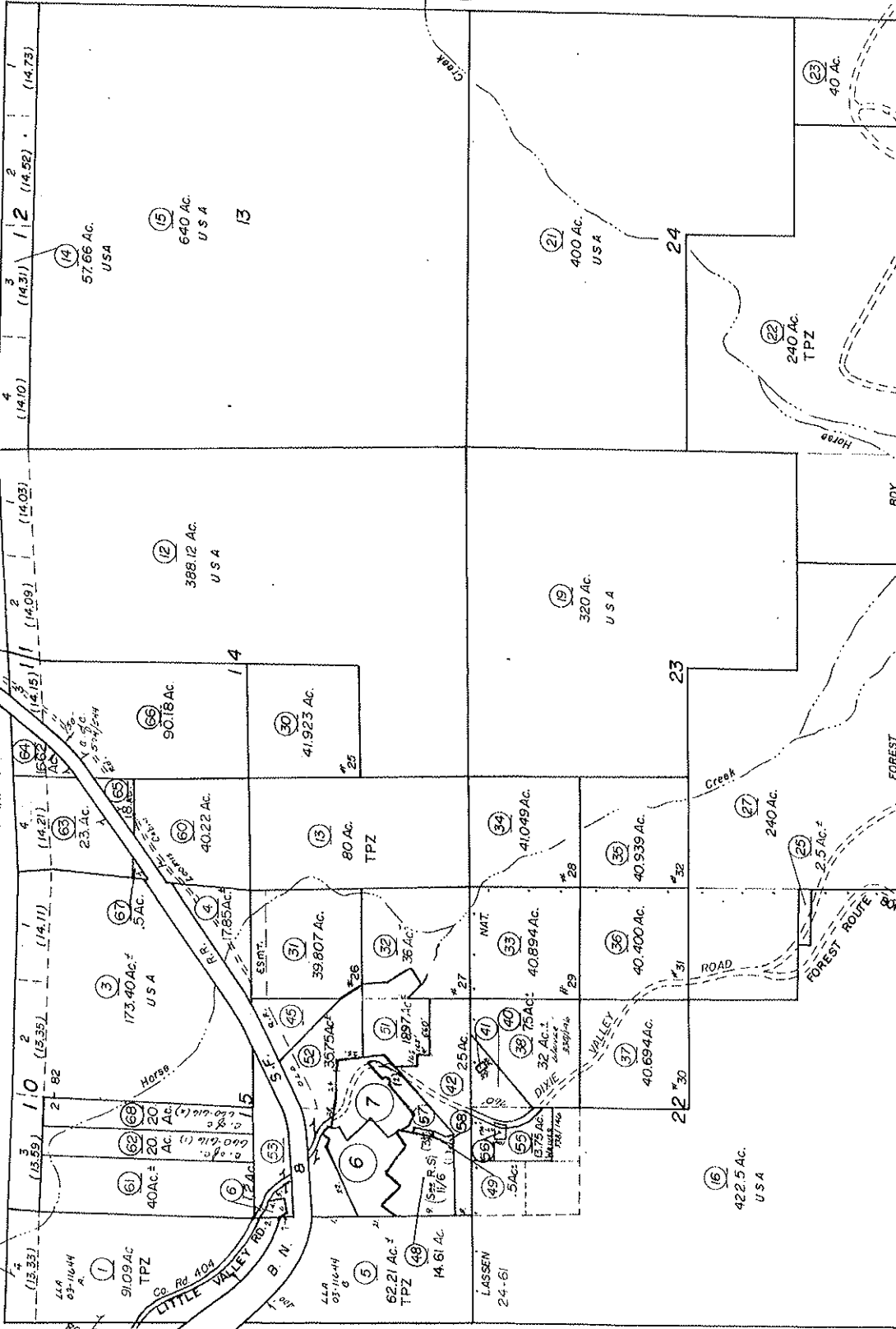
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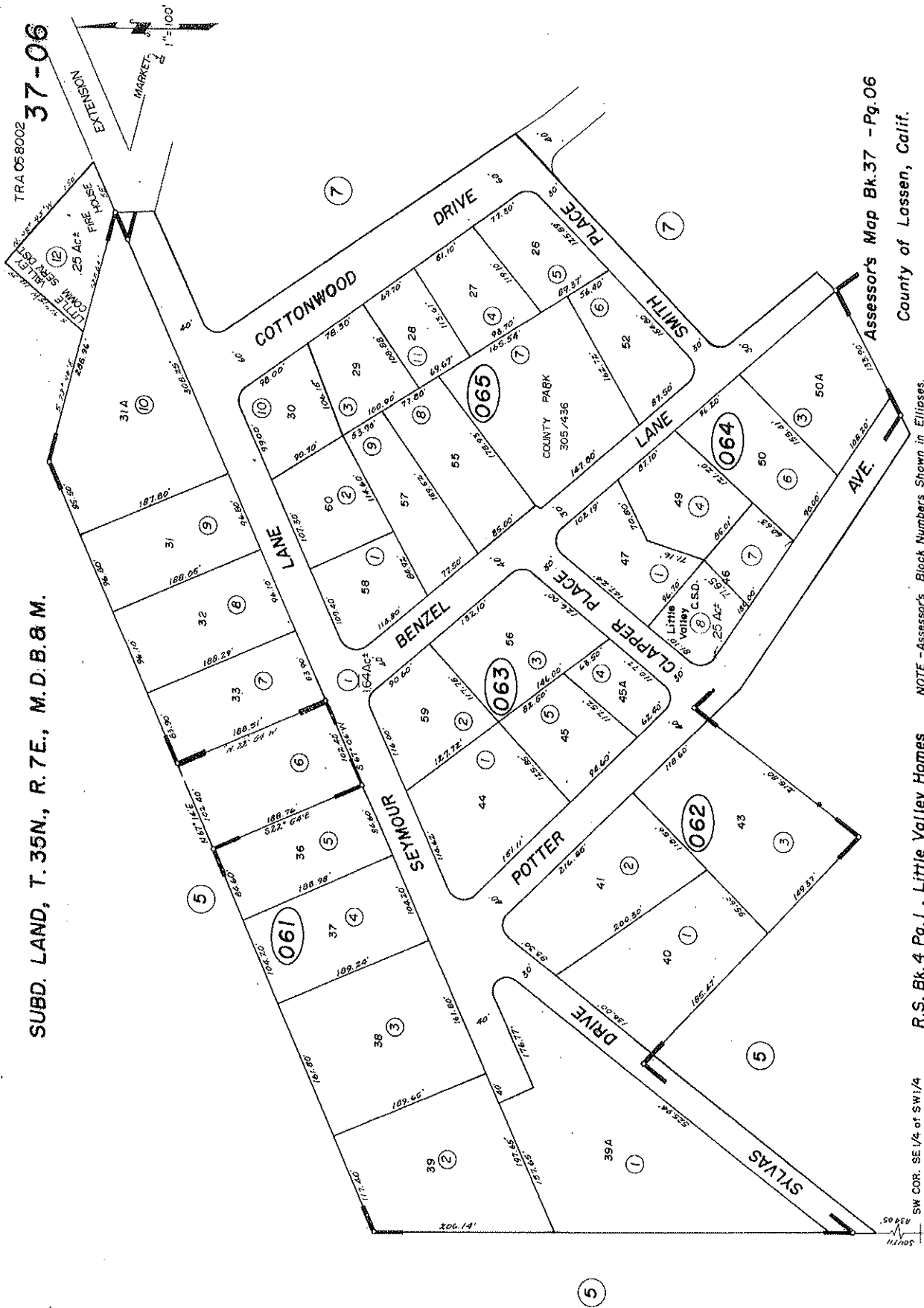
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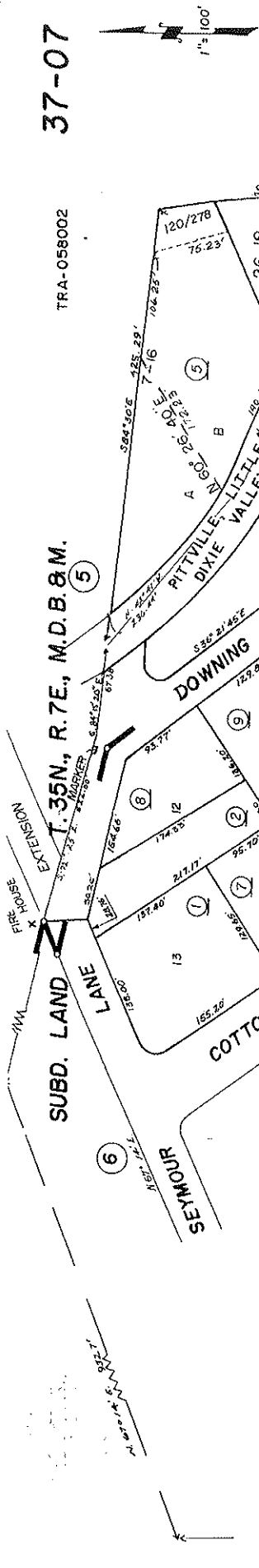
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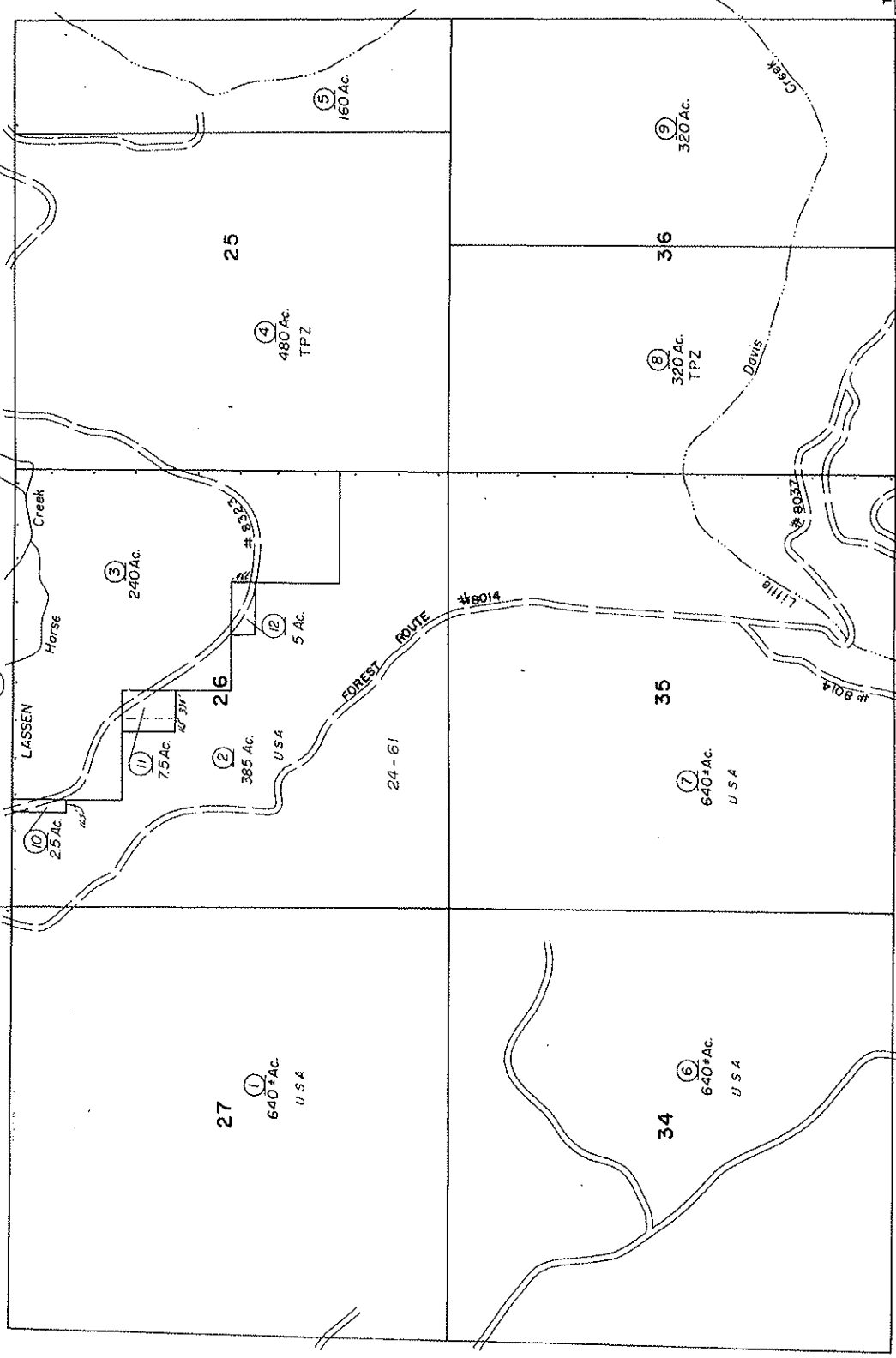
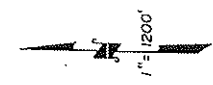
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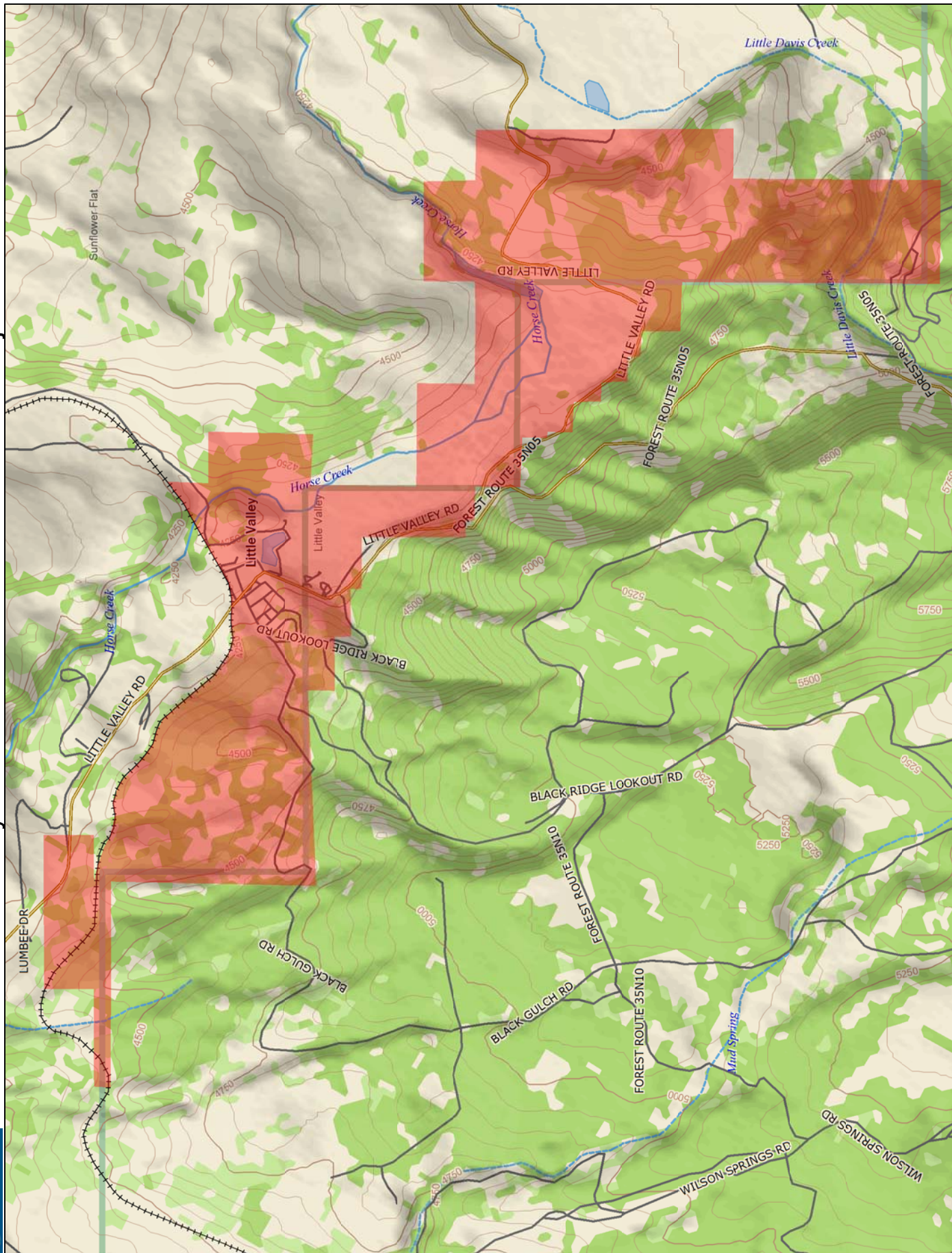
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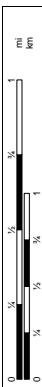
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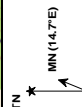
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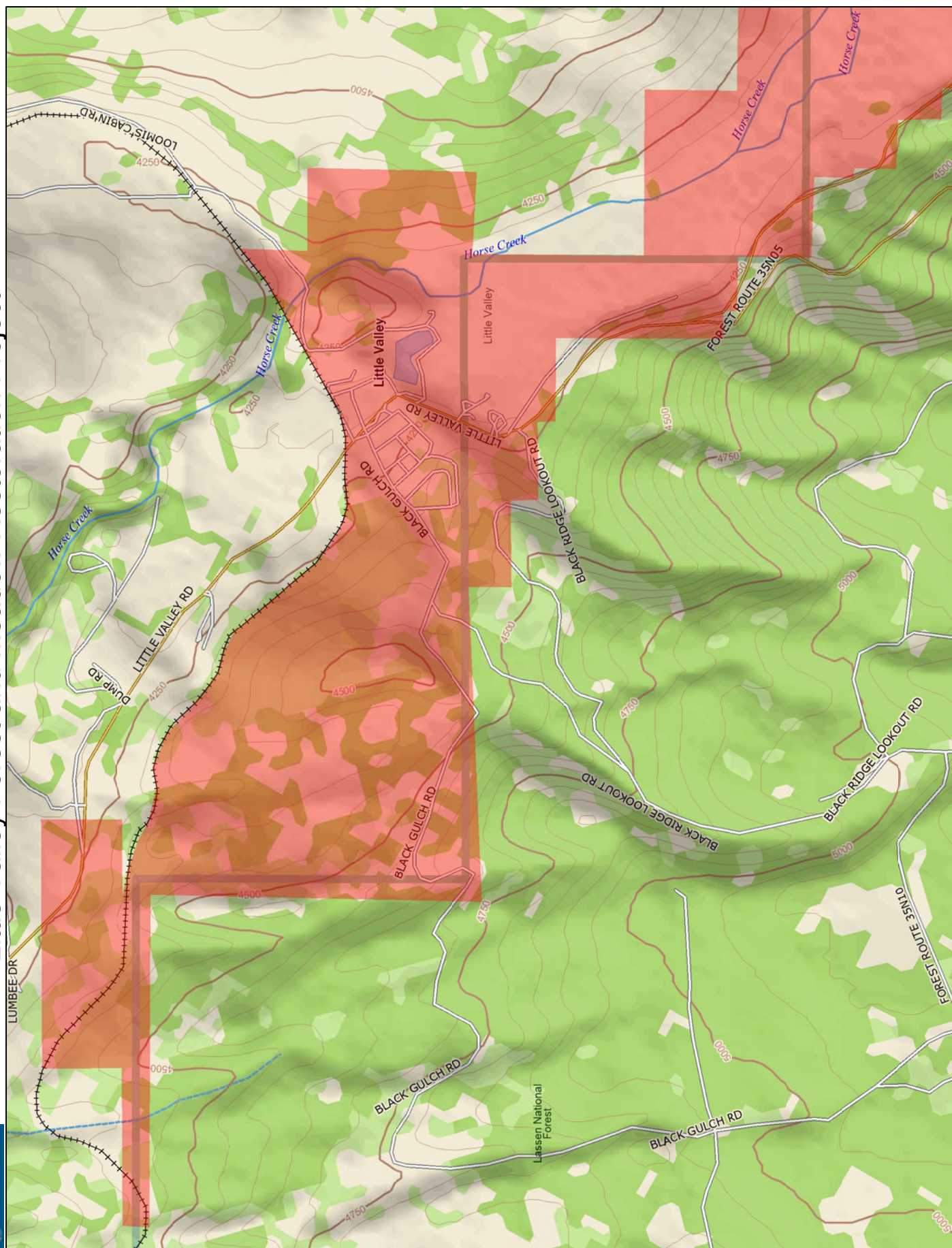


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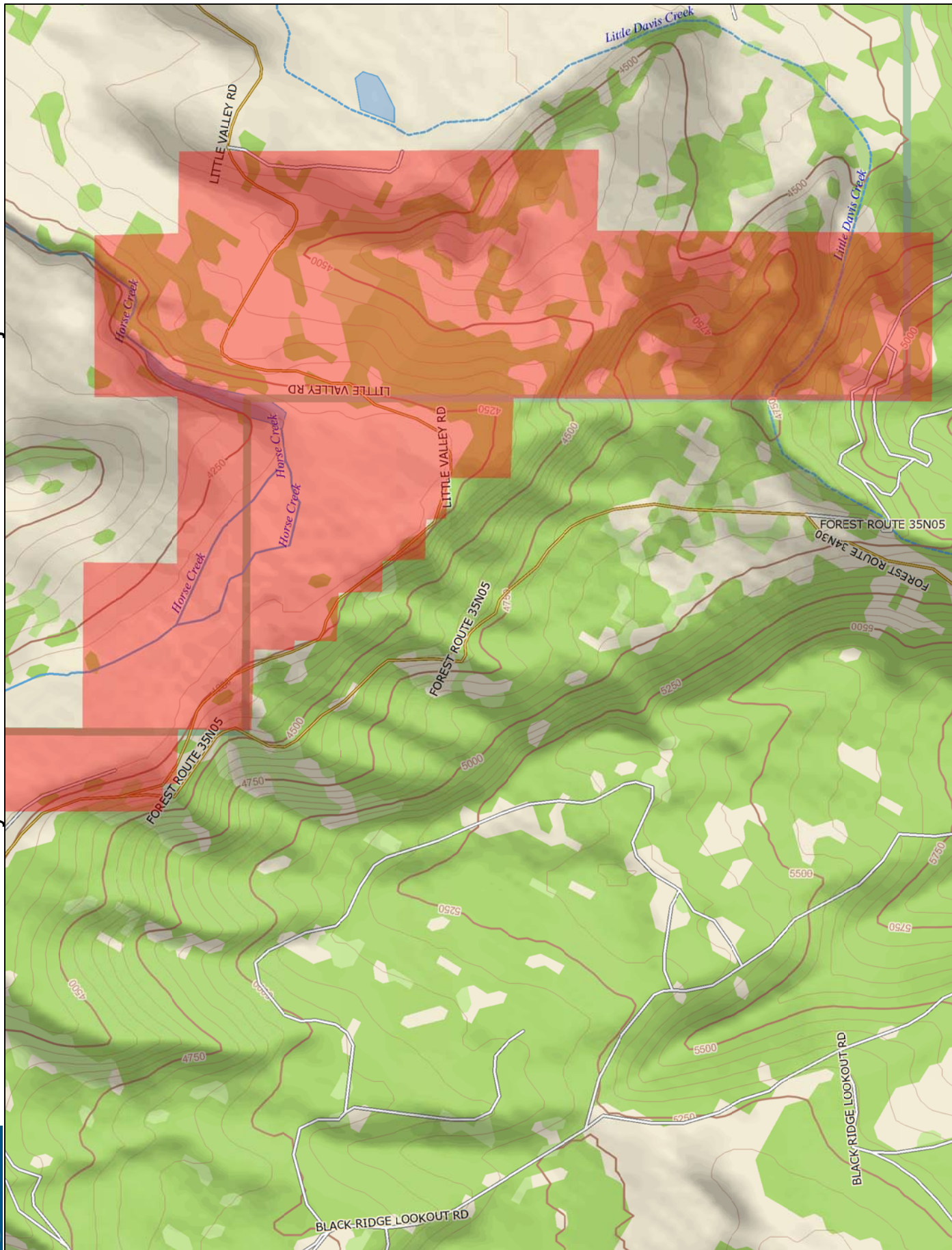


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**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**  
and  
**TENURE DOCUMENT**

WHEREAS Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) is the owner of certain properties in the Little Valley community of Lassen County, California, more particularly described as Assessors Parcels 25-12-14 & 15, 37-04-03 & 09, 37-05-05 & 22 and 37-11-04 & 08 identified in the Project Map attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereinafter called PROPERTY, and;

WHEREAS Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) desires to conduct a forest & meadow restoration/hazard fuel reduction project in and around the Little Valley community in Lassen County, California, hereinafter called PROJECT, and;

WHEREAS SPI wishes to participate in the project and LCFSC desires to assist SPI with fuel reduction/restoration treatments that would benefit the Little Valley community and its watershed.

NOWHEREFORE SPI and LCFSC agree to work together to implement the PROJECT jointly subject to the following conditions:

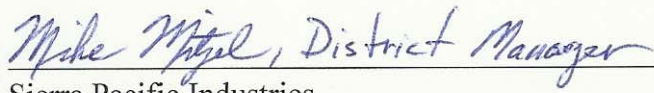
1. **Availability of Funds.** The parties hereto understand that any work to be conducted is subject to funds being awarded LCFSC to accomplish said treatments. Furthermore, the parties hereto understand that once funds are secured, LCFSC will prioritize parcels and areas for treatment within the community based on the amount awarded, what LCFSC finds to be in the best interest of the community, and any stipulations placed by any grantor on funds awarded to LCFSC.
2. **Treatment Prescription.** In general PROJECT treatments will consist of the removal of invasive western juniper and the thinning of overstocked pine stands that would result in the restoration of the forest and adjacent meadows to a healthier condition. It is anticipated that mechanical equipment will be used with possible follow-up hand treatments. Biomass utilization will be used wherever possible and practical with any revenue derived being used to offset project costs. Individual site specific prescriptions will be further defined and agreed to by SPI and LCFSC prior to start-up.
3. **Project Management.** SPI will have primary responsibility for treatment contractor selection and management on PROPERTY with LCFSC concurrence. Any agreements entered into between SPI and treatment contractors, including payment rates, must be approved by LCFSC in writing, in advance, to ensure they are within PROJECT budget and that the terms and prescriptions meet grantor requirements. SPI will identify one of their Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) as the Project Manager for SPI who will perform his duties at its sole expense and will coordinate SPI activities with LCFSC



Managing Director and/or LCFSC designees. Upon completion of a treatment phase SPI will submit completion maps and invoices to LCFSC. Upon receipt of invoices and completion maps LCFSC will perform an inspection of PROPERTY and approve and process payments.

4. **Notice to Proceed.** LCFSC and SPI will finalize the selection of specific acres for treatment, site specific prescriptions and budgets for PROPERTY treatments after funds have been awarded to LCFSC and after LCFSC has established a final PROJECT budget. These terms and conditions will be part of a Notice to Proceed document that will be executed by SPI and LCFSC.
5. **Tenure and Access.** Subject to all the terms and conditions contained herein, SPI grants access to PROPERTY to LCFSC, its grantors and designees to carry out PROJECT on PROPERTY for the purposes of PROJECT implementation and monitoring before, during and for one year after project completion.

This Cooperative Agreement and Tenure document is entered into this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012 by and between:

  
Sierra Pacific Industries

  
Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.



**Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.  
Fuel Reduction and  
Watershed Restoration Project  
Permission Document**

Tom Esgate  
Project Director  
(530) 310-0146

twesgate@sbcglobal.net

Cathy Dirden  
Secretary  
(530) 251-5560

**Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.**  
PO Box 816  
Susanville, CA 96130

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mcdirden@hotmail.com

Assessor's Parcel #: 037-050-25, -27, -40, -41; 037-110-03, -05, -10, -11, -12  
Property Owner: MOUNTAIN JEWELS HOME  
Mailing address: 527960 LITTLE VALLEY RD  
MCARTHUR CA 96056

I, the undersigned, understand that my property, as described above, is included in the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. wildfire hazard fuel reduction/watershed restoration project described in the letter and documents accompanying this permission document.

**I hereby agree to allow representatives of the Fire Safe Council and/or their Contractor access to my property for purposes of treating vegetation in the project. I hereby authorize the Fire Safe Council to act as my agent in executing any required forms or exemption documents.**

I further understand that, while the work is done to professional specifications included in the project plan, I may consult with the Fire Safe Council representatives and/or their Contractor at any time during the project to ensure that my specific wishes are clearly understood.

I further understand that all work will be done in a workmanlike manner, and that all necessary insurance coverage will remain in force while work proceeds on my property, and that no actions of the Fire Safe Council or its Contractor will produce any lien on my property.

I agree to use my best efforts to maintain the benefits received from the work in an effort to help restore our watershed and reduce wildfire risk in our community.

I also understand that if the project requires the temporary removal and replacement of fencing or other barriers in order to implement the project on my land, I agree to accept the responsibility for their removal and re-installation (please check appropriate box/boxes).

- ☐ **I wish to have vegetation treated on my property.**
- ☐ **I wish to schedule a Risk Assessment in the home Ignition zone.**
- ☐ **I do not wish to have vegetation treated on my property.**

Signed: Doyle S. Williams Date: 1-4-2012

Telephone #'s: Home: 336-5203 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: Teed Crum Date: 1-4-12  
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# Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. Fuel Reduction and Watershed Restoration Project Sign-up Information

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The Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC), in cooperation with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and other partners plans to implement a wildfire hazard fuel reduction/watershed restoration project on private lands in your neighborhood. The project, with your permission, may include work on property that you own. The Assessor's Parcel Number appearing over your name above identifies the parcel being considered for wildfire hazard/watershed restoration treatments.

Following is a description of the project and attached is a newsletter further describing our initiative and an agreement that you will need to sign so that we may consider working on your land only after we have fully consulted with you and gained your final permission to proceed.

**Project Location & Treatments:** The project encompasses private lands in areas where there is an overstocking of trees resulting in an unhealthy forest condition and a wildfire hazard, we will, with your permission and cooperation, remove primarily small and unmerchantable suppressed trees. The end result will be a healthier forest and a community that will be Fire Survivable. We highly recommend you consider adopting Fire Survivable standards.

Equipment used on your property may range from a chain saw to a commercial shearing machine and skidder. You can expect some ground disturbance. We believe this is by far preferable to the effects of a wildfire or a bug kill that can result from trees being stressed due to overstocking.

Our contractor will bid the job with the understanding that he will remove all cut material from your property (you can expect some minor debris like small branches, mulch and chips on the ground surface after completion). Once material has been cut it may remain on your property for a week or more before it is processed by a chipper. Once the material is removed from your property it becomes the property of the contractor. Most of the removed material will be chipped and delivered to a biomass power producing facility, which helps us reduce our costs.

**Your Obligation and Involvement:** First, you have **NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**. The project is paid for entirely from grant funds. We will consult with you before and during the work to the level you wish. We want you to be an active partner in making our community as fire-safe as possible and restoring the watershed. If you are living on the property, we will work closely with you in areas near your home to ensure both an effective and attractive outcome. **We will need you to accept the responsibility for the temporary removal and replacement of fencing or other barriers that may need to be moved in order to implement the project on your land.** We will do our best to keep this to a minimum.

**Risk Assessments in the Home Ignition Zone:** In addition to fuel treatments LCFSC is also offering free Risk Assessments in the Home Ignition Zone to all residents in our project areas and Lassen County as a

whole. Please read the information in the attached *Firewise Gazette* to find out more about these consultations. We encourage you to schedule one with our secretary or Project Manager even if you have previously completed a fuel treatment or even if you elect not to have treatments preformed. These Risk Assessments will provide you with important information about what you can do to reduce the risk that a wildfire in or near the community could pose to your home.

**Documents Required From The Landowner:**

- ❑ **Signed Permission Form.** This form either authorizes or denies the Fire Safe Council permission to treat vegetation in the wildfire hazard fuel reduction/watershed restoration project. Please return the signed form whether you opt to take advantage of this opportunity or not. Should you choose to have the work done, it will give the Fire Safe Council permission to act as your agent in executing any exemptions or waivers required by California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, or any other agency required to authorize restoration/fuel treatment work on your property.

**Dialogue on How Your Property Will Be Affected:**

- ❑ You will receive but one opportunity to have this work performed. Once the work is completed in your immediate area we will not come back. Therefore, should you have concerns about the planned treatment, it is in your best interest to discuss the work on your property with our Project Manager or a council representative and get your questions answered and your concerns resolved. Then we can go ahead with having the treatment work performed.
- ❑ By participating you are helping make your home and your neighbor's homes safer and helping to restore the watershed. Treatments may reduce the possibility of tree loss due to a bug kill and the end result will be larger, healthier trees, wildlife habitat improvement and an increase in your property value. The work will improve your surroundings through beautification of your land and hopefully reduce the chance of homeowner insurance premium increases - or worse yet, cancellation.
- ❑ Please retain this letter for your records.
- ❑ Please sign and return the attached document at your earliest convenience, but no later than thirty, (30) days after receipt, to ensure your consideration in the project.
- ❑ **We will not do any work without your permission and we will not begin any work you may authorize until we meet with you, on your property, to develop a treatment prescription.** We'll need you to make an appointment to discuss the proposed work and/or schedule a Risk Assessment in the Home Ignition Zone. Please call Cathy Dirden, LCFSC Secretary, at 251-5560 or email [mcdirden@hotmail.com](mailto:mcdirden@hotmail.com) to make an appointment. A council representative will meet with you to discuss the work and inspect the property to be treated so that both you and the council will have a precise understanding of the work to be accomplished on your property. In addition the contractor will also meet with you prior to starting work on your land to ensure that everyone concurs with the treatment to be performed.
- ❑ If you have previously signed and returned the attached form for an earlier phase of the project please sign and return the attached form again so that our records can be updated.

Sincerely,

Tom Esgate, Project Manager





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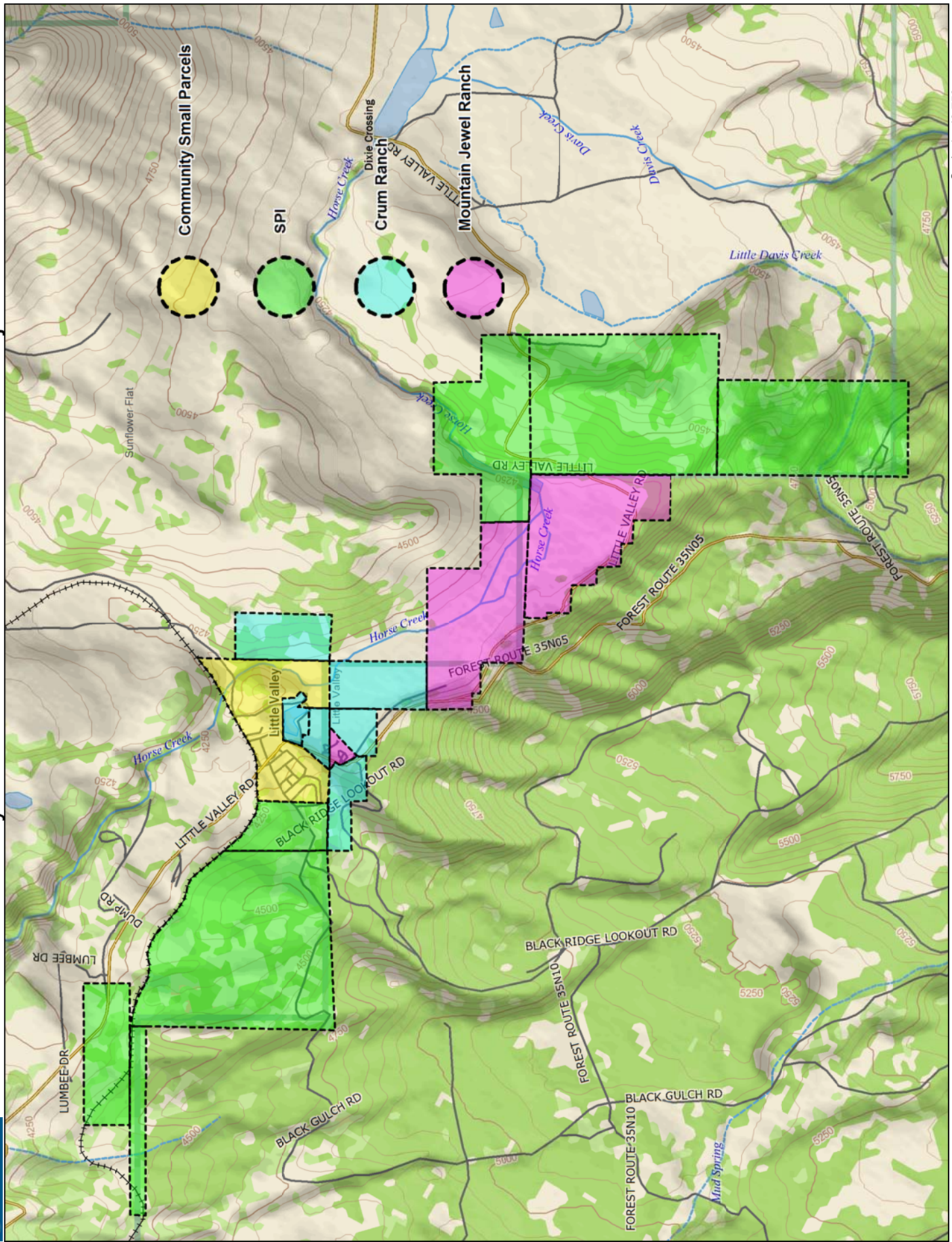
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**Leases and Agreements (EFN: LeaseAgmnt.pdf)**

No other leases or agreements are needed for the implementation of this project.